

DEC/EC Meeting June 27, 2005

Regulation Update

The Department continues to review comments and consider possible revisions to the ethics regulations published in February 2005.

ACERI Update

The Advisory Committee on Ethics Regulation Implementation (ACERI) is currently working on the official duties activities policy. Updates on progress will be presented as needed.

HHS 521

Discussion centered around the need to have a central reporting process if cases arise where employees report activities on the HHS 521 form for which they did not receive prior approval. Having incentives for notification was discussed, as well as the need to further develop internal processes to ensure fair treatment across the board.

OMA Reviews

The employee reviews are not entirely completed. The process is being conducted in such a way as to ensure consistent treatment and confidentiality.

Waivers

When issuing a 208(b)(1) waiver, drafts must be submitted to OGC (Marilyn Rogalski or Gretchen Weaver). If any waivers have been issued without their review, the waivers need to be sent to them as soon as possible.

Preclearance for 278 filing positions

OGC has not been receiving close-out copies of employee paperwork. DEC's and EC's were reminded to send all documentation to OGC.